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TRUMP PAYS RESPECTS TO NAVY SEAL WHO DIED

President Donald Trump on Wednesday paid his respects to a U.S. Navy SEAL who died in a raid on al Qaeda in Yemen that went wrong, the first military operation authorized by Trump as commander in chief. Trump traveled to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware in an unexpected visit to meet with the family of William "Ryan" Owens, a chief special warfare operator who



died in Sunday's dawn raid. The remains of the serviceman were sent to Dover, home to the largest U.S. military mortuary. Most of the visit was closed to the media. The U.S. military said 14 militants were killed in the raid in al Bayda province on a branch of al Qaeda known as AQAP. **REUTERS**

ACTIVIST IRE RISES AS PIPELINE REVIEW BEGINS

Activists protesting the Dakota Access Pipeline project expressed alarm on Wednesday after federal lawmakers from the state said the final permit had been granted for the project — a statement later contradicted by the Army, which issues such permits. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said on Wednesday it has started a review for the permit. But activists in North Dakota expressed

anger over two lawmakers saying late on Tuesday that the final right-of-way for the pipeline had already been approved. The Army Corps of Engineers, on Wednesday, said the easement had not been granted. "The Assistant Secretary for the Army Civil Works will make a decision on the pipeline once a full review and analysis is completed in accordance with the directive," it said in a statement. **REUTERS**

TILLERSON CONFIRMED AS SECRETARY OF STATE

The U.S. Senate confirmed Rex Tillerson as President Donald Trump's secretary of state on Wednesday, filling a key spot on the Republican's national security team despite concerns about the former Exxon Mobil Corp. chief executive officer's ties to Russia. In the vote, 56 senators backed Tillerson, and 43 voted no. The tally was largely along party lines, with every Republican



favoring Tillerson, along with four members of the Democratic caucus, Sens. Heidi Heitkamp, Joe Manchin and Mark Warner as well as Angus King, an independent. Democratic Sen. Chris Coons did not vote. **REUTERS**

WORLD HIJAB DAY

New York City Police Officers Aml Elsakary, left, and Maritza Morales wear American flag headscarves at an event at City Hall for World Hijab Day on Wednesday in New York City. **GETTY IMAGES**

5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

TESLA DROPS 'MOTORS' FROM NAME

Tesla Motors Inc. changed its name to "Tesla Inc" as Chief Executive Elon Musk looks to transform the Silicon Valley firm from an electric car maker to a diversified energy products company. In October, Musk unveiled solar-powered roof tiles that eliminate the need for traditional panels and a longer-lasting home battery illustrating the benefits of combining his electric car and



battery maker with solar installer SolarCity Corp. Tesla won approval in November from its shareholders to acquire SolarCity, for a stock swap deal worth about \$2 billion, in which Musk was the largest shareholder. **REUTERS**

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Robert De Niro is on a roll right now. Over the last few months he's been sticking it to Donald Trump: making angry videos where he calls him names, reading a list of made-up Donald tweets during protests. He's funny, too, in "The Comedian," his new dramedy about a floundering stand-up comic. We talked to De Niro, as well as his co-star Leslie Mann, and the legend opened up to us about political comedy and doing stand-up himself, even if it was just for a movie. **metro.us/movies**

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Zoey Thorson



Zoey Thorson gathers her gear for a morning of surfing. ALL PHOTOS JOSEPH DARIUS JAAFARI

Local boarders amped about hitting the winter waves off New York City

Surfing in the Rockaway peninsula's cold waters has grown in popularity.



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The temperature of the water surrounding the Rockaway peninsula in Queens this time of year averages around 50 degrees — a bit warmer than the air temperature. But today, when Zoey Thorson threw herself on her surfboard and paddled 20 feet from shore, the ocean water was an exceptionally chilly 41 degrees.

Despite the cold, this is the best time of year to go surfing in New York City. As the winds shift and the tides change, the small crumblers of summer turn into impressive 8-foot waves between the

fall and winter months.

"Surfing in the Rockaways this time of year is very much like being on the subway," said Thorson. "You're getting pushed and pulled in all directions, and it's crazy. But that's when we get the best waves."

And there's an added benefit to surfing when there's snow lining the beach: The crowds are gone because the beaches are closed.

In the past decade, the Rockaways has experienced a surfing renaissance. Businesses are recording higher sales and expanding as more people come to take surf lessons, rent equipment and test the waves. But the sport's popularity is outpacing the city's ability to provide more safe space for surfing.

At 6:35 a.m., Thorson is one of the first surfers in the ocean. By the time

7 tips for cold-water surfing

1. Invest in a neoprene suit with good lining and liquid-sealed seams.
2. Fuel up with complex carbohydrates, protein and water.
3. Use lip balm, and moisturizer on exposed skin.
4. Choose a surfboard that's a little bigger than your summer board.
5. Keep moving in the water, and watch for signs of hypothermia.
6. Have a towel and clothes handy to pull on quickly after surfing.
7. Slip on a down jacket and sip a hot beverage.

the sun peeks over the horizon, there are more than two dozen surfers scattered between Beach 60th and Beach 62nd streets. This, she said, is the perfect number of surfers.

"When it gets to the summer months, you're literally terrified to go in the water, it's so packed," she said.

During the fall and

winter, surfers are allowed anywhere along the peninsula's beaches, but come Memorial Day — when beaches officially open for the summer — surfers are given access to only 10 beaches. That number would have been fine, officials said, had the number of surfers not increased.

"It used to just be a handful of locals, to this

thing where you're seeing young men and women coming off the subway with surfboards and they're fighting for space," said Jonathan Gaska, district manager for Community Board 14, which includes the Rockaway beaches. "It's expanded exponentially over the past five or six years. The surf schools have formed and that crowded up that area. ... It's just growing so much that it doesn't seem to be enough."

The issue is more than just convenience for surfers who might have to walk a few blocks during the summer. Some say it's now become a safety issue in which injuries are inevitable.

"If you feel the itch to surf on a weekend between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., just don't," said Matthew Kisilenko, manager of the popular surf and skate shop Boarders. "It has become so congested

it's damn near impossible to not get hurt in the water. It's become this interesting, unknown safety issue that no one knows about or talks about."

Steve Rodriguez, who owns the local skate shop 5Boro and surfs in the winter, said he's worried for his son to go out during the summer months to surf and is working with the community board and Parks Department to add more surf beaches.

Until then, Thorson said she'll continue to surf in the winter and love every second of it. Though she has a preference for warmer climates, she said her most thoughtful moments come when she's alone in frigid waters.

"It's the most meditative I've ever been," she said. "Though, it could also be due to mild hypothermia."

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Roseann Sdoia recovers in the hospital. ALL IMAGES GETTY

Boston Marathon bombing survivor to wed rescuer

The couple raced in Wednesday's Empire State Building Run-Up.



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Roseann Sdoia went to cheer on runners at the Boston Marathon finish line four years ago and lost her leg after the pressure-cooker bombs stationed nearby exploded. She didn't know then, but that wasn't all fate had in store for her that day.

As first responders rushed to assist the injured in the chaotic aftermath of the explosions, firefighter Mike Materia found his way to Sdoia, tying his belt around her badly injured leg as a makeshift tourniquet.

He rode with her in the ambulance, comforting her on the way to Massachusetts General Hospital, the New York Post reported.

Sdoia, a long-distance runner, said Materia has been an integral part of helping her get back on her feet, both physically and emotionally ever since.

Continuing on the road to recovery, Materia was by Sdoia's side Wednesday as the pair raced in the Empire State Building Run-Up, a fundraiser for the Challenged Athletes Foundation that helps "people with physical disabilities can pursue active lifestyles," according to the race's website.

Sdoia and Materia are now engaged, but it was Sdoia's mother who pushed the pair together as her daughter recovered in the hospital.

"She was like, 'Oh, did you see that firefighter? He's so cute.' And I was like, 'Mom, I just got blown up,'" Sdoia told the Post.

But Materia visited a few days later and the pair struck up a friendship. By June they went on their first date and last month, with the help of the couple's dog, Sal, Materia proposed.

Sal was wearing a special dog tag that read, "Mike wants to know. ... If you'll marry him."

She said yes. A small wedding is planned for the coming fall.

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New York, Pennsylvania among states with highest numbers of hate groups

Hate groups in the two states account for 10 percent of those nationwide.



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Pennsylvania and New York rank among the top states in the nation with the greatest number of hate groups, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center.

New York ranks fourth, with 44 hate groups throughout the state; Pennsylvania is sixth, with 40. Texas (84), California (68), Florida (58) and Tennessee (41) fill the remaining top slots, as shown in the SPLC's Hate Map.

The SPLC tracks hate groups throughout the nation.

The greatest concentration in the Empire State appears in New York City: At least 26 anti-Muslim, anti-LGBT, Ku Klux Klan, black separatist, white nationalist, anti-immigrant, Holocaust denial, neo-Nazi and general hate groups are based in the five boroughs.

Those figures don't eliminate the northern and western parts of the state, where the Adirondacks are home to more neo-Nazi and white nationalist movements; and Rochester, Syracuse and Buffalo, where there's a presence of black separatists groups.

Hate groups in Pennsylvania, by comparison, are more spread out. In Philadelphia, three groups espouse black separatist beliefs, as well as anti-white, anti-Semitic and anti-integration views; a general hatred group, a KKK outpost and members of Keystone United, one of the largest single-state racist skinhead groups in the country. Others groups are located in Pittsburgh, Harrisburg and in smaller towns.

Pennsylvania is also home to one of just 10 racist music groups

across the country. Poker Face, based in Allentown, bills itself as a music group singing about exposing "lies and scandals coming out of the Union's Capitol," according to its website.

All told, SPLC documented 892 hate groups operating throughout the country, 190 of which are KKK. Racist skinhead and white nationalist make up 95 each, and neo-Nazi accounts for 94. The nonprofit SPLC has reported an explosive growth in both hate crimes and hate groups in recent years.

The organization reported a 42 percent increase in anti-Muslim hate groups since 2014, and a 14 percent rise in total number of hate groups during that period.

In just the 10 days after Election Day, SPLC documented 867 instances of hate activity — and those were just "real-world" events and didn't include online harassment.

New York City and Philly were not spared in that uptick: The New York Police Department reported a 30 percent increase in hate crimes from 2015 to 2016, and the Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations reported 38 instances of hate crimes and bias in December and January, more than the city sees in a 12-month period.

The SPLC looked to the president as the cause behind the violence. "Both the harassment since the election and the energy on the radical right are the predictable results of the campaign that [President Donald] Trump waged for the presidency — a campaign marked by incendiary racial statements, the stoking of white racial resentment, and attacks on so-called 'political correctness,'" the group wrote in a report.

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Hillary Clinton to deliver Wellesley College commencement address

Clinton has begun to schedule more public appearances since her loss in the presidential election.



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When Hillary Clinton delivered the first-ever student commencement speech at Wellesley College in 1969, she was Hillary Rodham, and she had no way of knowing that it would be the beginning of a long career in the spotlight.

In May, she will return to address a new class of graduates.

It will be her third speech at the all-women's college in Massachusetts and will be one of her most visible ap-

pearances since losing the presidential election to Donald Trump in November.

Clinton has been relatively reclusive since her defeat, but is beginning to make more public appearances and has several other speeches planned over the coming months.

Win or lose, students said Clinton's leadership role in national politics over the last three decades has served as an inspiration.

"As Wellesley students, we arrive here believing in a future that respects women's potential and accomplishment, but as graduating seniors, and at this moment in history, we look to Secretary Clinton, our sister, as someone who will inspire us to make that future now," said Casey Butler co-

president of the Class of 2017.

As first lady to her husband, President Bill Clinton, Hillary Clinton went on to become U.S. senator then secretary of state. Her two unsuccessful runs for president were still significant steps, which Wellesley said have long been part of Clinton's trailblazing role for women. They also noted Clinton's fight for women's rights and gender inequity. Perhaps as a show of support and as a thank you, students selected Clinton to speak at the May 26 graduation.

"She is the best person to represent who we have become at Wellesley and who we strive to be in the world — and the courage — we seek in breaking down barriers and shattering glass ceilings of all kinds," Amal Cheema, co-president of the Class of 2017 said.

Clinton will speak at 10:30 a.m. on May 26 during Wellesley's 139th commencement ceremony.



Hillary Clinton acknowledges the crowd at the Inaugural Luncheon in the US Capitol January 20, 2017 in Washington, DC. GETTY IMAGES

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Baby Boomers May Avoid Knee Surgery With Modern Arthritis Treatments

Doctors say these two factors are the keys to knee arthritis treatment success and relieving pain without surgery

By Matt Edgar

America's Health Writer

New York City - Everyone has said it at one time or another. If I had only known about "this" sooner - things would be very different today.

That's what many knee arthritis pain sufferers are saying about this technology and treatment.

"We all know that countless lives are being saved every year because of early detection and better treatment" noted the clinic director at the **NY Pain MD** in New York City. *"The same holds true for treating arthritis pain. I believe we are having so much success at NY Pain MD because of two factors: One is we are using advanced medical technology and treatments a lot of clinics do not use. And second, the word has spread to our community and so many knee arthritis sufferers are coming in sooner. And the earlier we can treat knee arthritis - the better the results. The key to trying to avoid knee replacement surgery is doing the correct treatment as soon as possibly"*

What is the "correct treatment?"

"That depends," said the director. *"There is no one answer when it comes to medical conditions. Knee arthritis is no different. That's why, if you have knee pain, you should have it evaluated by a doctor who deals with and treats knee pain every day,"* added the director.

For many knee arthritis pain sufferers the right treatment is Viscosupplementation whereby a preparation of Hyaluronic acid a gel-like FDA approved medicine is applied directly into the knee joint using *Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology*.

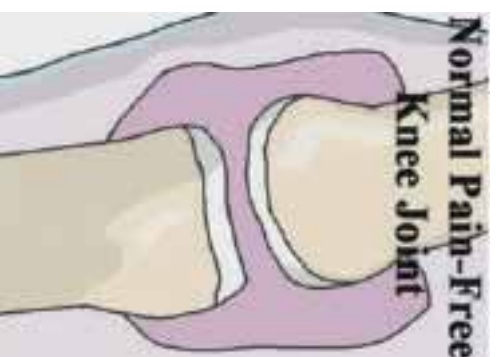
Hyaluronic acid is the natural lubricant and shock absorber of your joints and is found to be decreased in arthritis sufferers. This is similar to running your without oil. Obviously, the sooner you put oil back in the car - the less damage will be done. That's why some doctors feel early viscosupplementation gets the best results and is so important for avoiding surgery.

The director believes one of the most important factors for the success of viscosupplementation is making sure you are getting it into the joint space precisely.

That's why the doctors at **NY Pain MD** use advanced imaging technology to apply *Precision Arthritis Targeting* during every treatment.

A device called the "C-Arm" allows the doctor to see into the joint and actually watch the medicine be applied exactly where it is supposed to. Research shows that performing procedures without Precision Arthritis Targeting (P.A.T.T.) can result in missing the joint space as much as 30% of the time. If you had viscosupplementation treatments without Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology and did not get good results - this may be why.

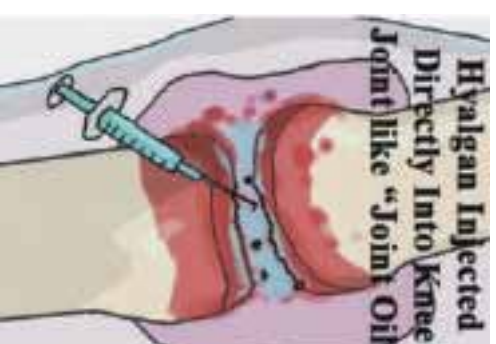
"If you have knee arthritis pain, viscosupplementation might be the answer you are looking for. The keys are to not wait, get a good evaluation from an expert and make sure precision arthritis targeting is used to make sure you have the best chance for success."



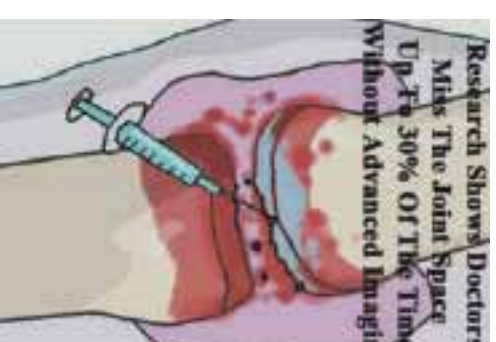
Everyone Wants Proof: In the artist simulated drawings above, picture #1 is a normal, pain-free knee. There is no arthritis and the knee can move and bend freely without pain.



Pain - The red is a knee joint with painful osteoarthritis. With progressive "drying out", arthritis causes the joint space to decrease and an array of symptoms which may include grinding, stiffness, decreased motion, bone spurs, swelling and a lot of pain.



Successful Treatment - Treatment (blue) being applied directly into the knee joint using Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology. Advanced imaging allows treatments to be as precise as possible. Viscosupplementation can lubricate the joint and decrease pain.

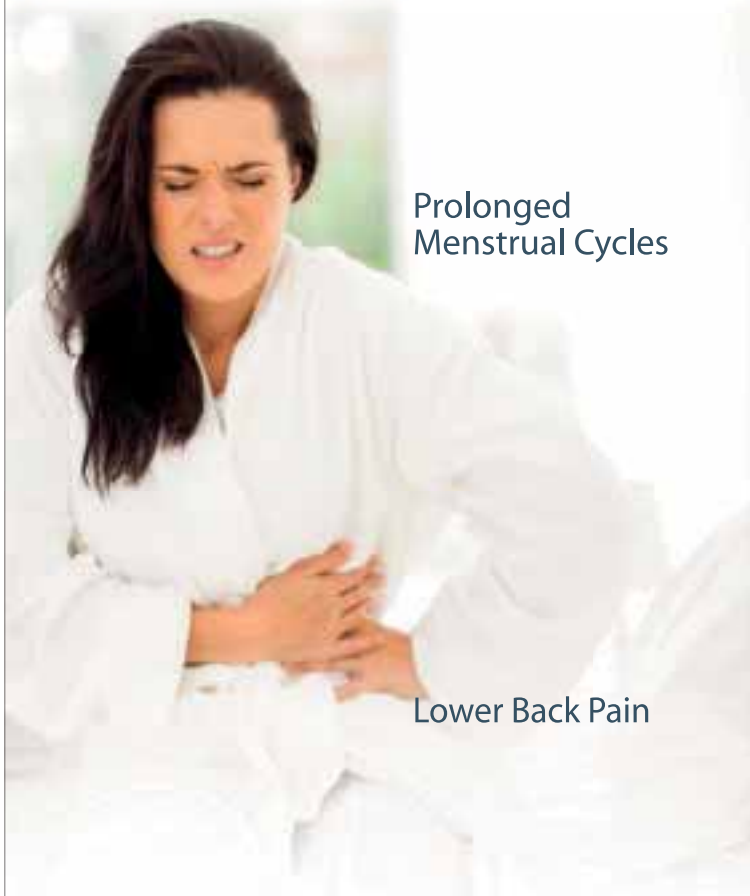


Failed Treatment - the medicine misses the joint space. Research shows this occurs up to 30% of the time without the use of Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology to guide the injection. This is why prior treatment may not have worked for you.



Can This Be Avoided? Total knee replacement is serious surgery requiring months of rehabilitation. Some doctors think modern treatments done early enough can keep baby boomers from going under the knife.

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Carson might have minor impact on NYC as HUD secretary

The good news: His boss is the most pro-development president in history.



Dr. Ben Carson, a retired neurosurgeon and failed Republican presidential candidate, has now been cleared to serve as secretary of housing for the next four years.

For many, his appointment remains perplexing. Carson has no political experience and no obvious knowledge of housing and development issues.

At least some concerns about Carson's fitness for the job were put to rest during his Senate hearing on Jan. 12. Beyond a contentious exchange with Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, Carson dodged any major attacks.

Still, there is no question that under Carson's direction, the Department of Housing and Urban Development will roll out a series of changes over the coming four years. While some changes will impact housing and development in New York City, Carson's influence is expected to be minor.

HUD governs a wide range of housing and development issues from homelessness to housing discrimination to lending rules.

HUD's reach is broad, and with a budget of approximately \$47 billion, it also has the potential to significantly impact the ability of American families to rent and purchase affordable homes.

First, the good news: President Donald Trump is the most pro-development president in U.S. history. It seems certain that Trump's own pro-development position will profoundly shape the HUD mandate. As a result, many developers are already eagerly anticipating substantial tax cuts and other incentives designed to scale up development citywide and nationwide.

There is also speculation that the new administration will relax at least some of the

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Dr. Ben Carson has been approved by the Senate as secretary of Housing and Urban Development. GETTY IMAGES

regulations on personal borrowing implemented during the 2009 recession — a move that is expected to in turn drive real estate sales as well.

As it is now widely known, President Trump chose to divest his businesses by simply handing over his extensive holdings to his

children. In most cases, elected officials divest by placing their investments in the hands of a neutral third party, since it is assumed that as long as family members continue to control one's business interest, conflicts of interest are bound to arise. It is on this account that Carson's job may prove

most controversial.

While Carson's confirmation hearing may not have assured everyone that he is committed to regulating Trump family businesses, his hearing did provide reasonable assurance that he is committed to helping struggling Americans find affordable housing.



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For hardline West Bank settlers, Jared Kushner's their man

For many in the Israeli settlement of Bet El, deep in the occupied West Bank, Donald Trump's choice of Jared Kushner as his senior adviser on the Middle East is a sign of politics shifting in their favor.

They regard Kushner, whose family's charitable foundation has donated tens of thousands of dollars to their settlement, as part of a diplomatic rebalancing after what they view as eight years of anti-Israel bias under the U.S. administration of Barack Obama.

"He will stand up for our interests. I suppose he will lean in our favor," said Avi Lavi, 46, who has lived in Bet El for more than 40 years. "He'll be fair, as op-

"At least now we have someone who knows us ... He will now have to study the other side [the Palestinians] and see if there is any common ground."

Roi Margalit

posed to Obama, whose policy leaned always toward the Arabs."

New U.S. President Trump says his son-in-law Kushner, 36, is capable of brokering the "ultimate deal" to deliver peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

Roi Margalit, manager of the Bet El Yeshiva, a seminary complex with around

400 students, said Kushner, an Orthodox Jewish father of three, understood the position of Israeli settlers better than previous envoys.

"At least now we have someone who knows us," the 43-year-old added. "He will now have to study the other side [the Palestinians] and see if there is any common ground."

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White House Senior Adviser Jared Kushner GETTY IMAGES

Israeli ambassador has sparked particular enthusiasm in the community: David Friedman, who chairs the American Friends of Bet El Institutions fundraising group.

The White House did not immediately respond to requests for comment from Kushner and Friedman.

Kushner, a businessman who built his career on real estate and publishing, has said little about his views about one of the world's most intractable conflicts, either during the campaign or since Trump took office.

The big question for the Palestinians is whether he can be an

impartial actor given his family foundation's past financial ties to Bet El.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has been careful to say he looks forward to working with the Trump administration, but others are less optimistic.

Waseel Abu Youssef, a senior official at the Palestine Liberation Organisation, the main Palestinian political umbrella body, said Kushner could not be a neutral envoy if he was supportive of Israeli settlements.

Hani al-Masri, a political scientist and director of the Palestinian Center for Policy Research and Strategic Studies, said Kushner would be a representative of Israel rather than of the United States.

"If he attempts to resume negotiations, he will seek to hold them at a lower level than previous negotiations. It will be more biased to the Israeli position in an era where Israel is more extreme."

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Trump adopts aggressive posture toward Iran after missile launch

Iran confirmed it had tested a new missile but said it did not breach a nuclear accord reached with world powers or a U.N. Security Council resolution that endorsed the pact.

The White House put Iran "on notice" on Wednesday for test-firing a ballistic missile and said it was reviewing how to respond, abruptly adopting an aggressive posture toward Tehran that could raise tensions in the region.

It was unclear what actions the new Republican administration might take to try to rein in Iran for a missile launch that President Donald Trump and his top aides considered defiance of a nuclear deal negotiated in 2015

by then-Democratic President Barack Obama.

The tough talk committed the administration to back up its rhetoric with action, experts said.

Officials declined to say whether the military option was on the table, although Pentagon spokesman Christopher Sherwood said "the U.S. military has not changed its posture in response to the Iranian test missile launch" on Sunday.

A fiery statement from Trump's national security adviser, Michael Flynn, marked some of the most aggressive rhetoric by the administration that took power on Jan. 20, making clear that Obama's less confrontational approach toward Iran was now over.

Flynn said that, instead of being thankful to the United States for the nuclear deal, "Iran is now feeling emboldened."

"As of today, we are of-



National Security Adviser Michael Flynn answers questions in the briefing room of the White House on Wednesday. GETTY IMAGES

ficially putting Iran on notice," he told reporters in his first appearance in the White House press briefing room.

He said the launch and an attack on Monday against a Saudi naval vessel by Iran-allied Houthi militants off the coast of Yemen underscored "Iran's destabilizing behavior across the Middle East."

they are trying to tamp down any sense of imminent action," said Suzanne Maloney, an Iran expert at the Brookings Institution think tank in Washington. "In which case, it makes little sense to send the national security adviser out there because it could be interpreted by Iran as bluffing."

The warning could foreshadow more aggressive economic and diplomatic measures against Iran.

Three senior U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a range of options, including economic sanctions, was being considered and that a broad review was being conducted of the U.S. posture toward Iran.

One official said the intent of Flynn's message was to make clear the administration would not be "shy or reticent" toward Tehran. REUTERS

HARD FIGHT

Trump urges Republicans to 'go nuclear' to defend high court pick

President Donald Trump urged Senate Republicans to "go nuclear" and impose a rule change to force a simple majority vote on confirmation if Democrats block his U.S. Supreme Court nominee, Neil Gorsuch, as Democrats maneuvered for a hard fight.

Gorsuch, a federal appeals court judge from Colorado seen as a conservative intellectual, began holding private meetings with senators, starting with top Senate Republican Mitch McConnell, to drum up support for his nomination a day after Trump picked the 49-year-old for a lifetime job on the country's top court.

Trump's fellow Republicans control the Senate 52-48. Democrats signaled on Wednesday they would set up a procedural hurdle, known as a filibuster, requiring 60 votes, rather than a simple majority, to move toward confirmation of Gorsuch.

The president urged McConnell to change long-standing Senate rules to eliminate the filibuster for Supreme Court nominees, a move dubbed the "nuclear option," if Democrats block Gorsuch. REUTERS

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Beyoncé is pregnant with twins!

Beyoncé just casually mentioned she's having twins on Instagram. Like, super casually.

She posted a picture with the following caption: "We would like to share our love and happiness. We have been blessed two times over. We are incredibly grateful that our family will be growing by two, and we thank you for your well wishes. — The Carters"

Um, also? The art direction of this announcement is pretty amazing.

Beyoncé and husband Jay Z already have one daughter, the amazing and illustrious Blue Ivy, age 5.

Congratulations, you guys! We're freaking out.



INSTAGRAM/@BEYONCE



Kim and Kanye to release children's clothing line

You didn't ask for it, but it's coming: Kim Kardashian and Kanye West are apparently collaborating on a children's clothing line.

Kim recently revealed, via Snapchat, that she and husband Kanye would be launching a line of kids' clothes in the near future. According to People, daughter North modeled two pieces from the collection: a yellow sequin dress and a yellow shearling coat. Which makes sense, because what else is a 3-year-old going to wear on the playground? JK, North has never been on a playground.

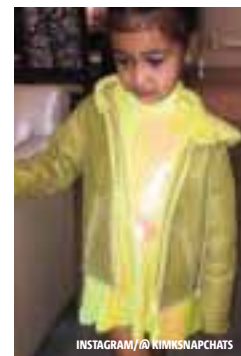
Both Kim and Kanye have dabbled in the fashion world before — Kim with a Kardashian Kids line with sisters Kourtney



and Khloé, and Kanye with his very luxurious homeless chic Yeezy Season 4 collection.

The reality star only recently returned to social media, months after her brutal robbery in Paris.

Thank you to the couple for giving us yet another thing we don't really need and probably can't afford!



INSTAGRAM/@KIMSNAPCHATS

Angelina Jolie demands \$100,000 a month in child support

Another day, another \$100,000. Despite promising to keep the details of their divorce proceedings on the hush-hush, InTouch exclusively reports Angelina Jolie is making outrageous demands in her battle for sole custody against Brad Pitt.

The actress and philanthropist is asking for \$100,000 a month in child support, to pay for all of the expenses and set up trust funds for each of the six children. Her team is proposing an additional \$250,000 be set aside each year to be put in the trust by her almost ex-husband.

Just to put some things in perspective, Angelina Jolie is worth \$160 million. Brad Pitt is worth \$240 million. What I mean to say is, both of these people are LOADED. Surely, taking care of six kids is superexpensive, but also? This whole thing is just depressing.

First, the only couple worth caring about breaks up, and then all of this ugly stuff comes out? I am now convinced the concept of love no longer exists.



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Wino forever

My, my, does Johnny Depp lead a lavish-ass lifestyle. According to Perez Hilton, details of said lifestyle have been leaked, thanks to a countersuit by Depp's former business-management company.

In January, Depp filed a lawsuit claiming that The Management Group collected \$28 million in unauthorized contingent fees, never properly filed

his taxes on time and loaned around \$10 million of his money to third parties.

The very juicy complaint details the veteran actor's chronic overspending, alleging that being Johnny Depp alone costs him about \$2 million a month. Depp, who increasingly appears to have merged with his "Pirates of the Caribbean" character,

Jack Sparrow, allegedly spends \$30,000 a month on wine. Which, #goals.

It's unclear whether he spends an inordinate amount of money on old fermented grapes to honor his infamous "Wino Forever" tattoo, or if the "Wino Forever" tattoo was to honor the fact that he is, in fact, the original wino. I'm hoping it's a little bit of both.

A very serious child actor finally gets to be funny

Asa Butterfield lightens up a bit with the sci-fi/road movie "The Space Between Us."



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Poor Asa Butterfield: He's never been allowed to be funny. The former child actor has done Holocaust dramas ("The Boy with the Striped Pajamas"). He's played an orphan ("Hugo") and a drug addict ("Ten Thousand Saints"). He was a young military leader (in space!) in "Ender's Game." But not till "The Space Between Us" did he get to clown around.

"It was difficult to get my head into that state, where I think, 'I don't have to be too serious now,'" Butterfield tells us. "I can just do whatever and see how it works."

Not that the film is a comedy. It's a sci-fi film, if one that doesn't always feel like it. The London-born actor, now 19, plays



"The Space Between Us," starring Britt Robertson and Asa Butterfield, hits theaters Friday. JACK ENGLISH

Gardner, who was born on a trip to Mars during a revolutionary colonizing mission. Due to complicated medical reasons, he's never been allowed to visit Earth, lest his body fail him. When a brief trip is suddenly allowed, he runs off almost as soon as he lands, joining up with Tulsa (Britt Robertson), a girl he met online, and journeying out to Califor-

nia to find the biological father he's never met.

"The Space Between Us" is part sci-fi, part road-trip movie, part coming-of-age saga. Still, parts of the film play like classic fish-out-of-water comedy. Raised on Mars, surrounded by adult scientists, Gardner knows about Earth and its inhabitants only from the movies. He doesn't understand sar-

casm, lingo or the delicacies of human interaction. His body's also not used to our planet's gravity, meaning when

His other (dream) career

Like a lot of former child actors, Butterfield has kept to his trade even while developing his own unique, perhaps unexpected interests. For him, it's a love of photography, which he wants to combine with his passion for wildlife documentaries. He'd like to be a cinematographer on nature films, which he says right now is a "work in progress."

"David Attenborough's my hero," he says, referring to the writer and host of untold nature docs, ranging from "Planet Earth" and "Life" to older classics like "The Life of Birds" and "Life on Earth." Still, Butterfield will have to get out of his hometown if he wants to learn how to shoot nature. "In England, you don't really have much [diversity]," he says, then adds, with dry English wit. "It's just pigeons and badgers, which doesn't make for a very exciting documentary."

he walks around he stomps and drags his feet, looking like the star of a silent comedy. (Butterfield had to wear weights around his ankles for these scenes.)

Butterfield says he's drawn

to sci-fi, and though his new film is on the more positive side of the genre, he tends to watch more downer dystopias, citing "The Matrix" as one of his very favorites.

Still, he's not, himself, very gloomy: "If you see the dystopian side of things, in 10 years' time, when we're not like that anymore, you can say, 'Good! Great! We're doing great, guys, we don't have machines taking over!'"



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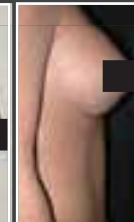
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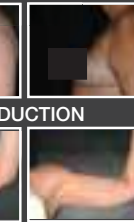
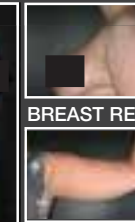
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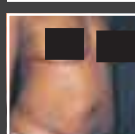
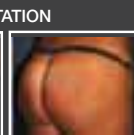
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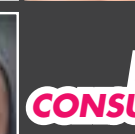
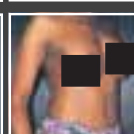
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"THE LOBSTER" AMAZON PRIME




The majority of this year's Oscar nominees are or are from movies that — no surprise! — were released during Oscar season. So to catch up, you have to leave your house and buy a ticket. One title you can watch instantly, from the comfort of your recliner, is one of this year's unexpected moneymakers: That darkly comic dystopia in which single people have 45 days to find a romantic partner or else they're turned into an animal of their choice. "The Lobster" nabbed a nom for its imaginative — and in its second half tricky

Jessica Barden and Colin Farrell look for love in "The Lobster."
A24


— screenplay, but we'd say it should have gotten another for Colin Farrell. As a lobster-bound divorced guy, he turns awkwardness into a beautiful, hilarious, deadpan art.

"CAMERAPERSON" AMAZON PRIME



This year's Best Documentary Oscar quintet is strong, though one film that didn't make the list but should have is Kirsten Johnson's "Cameraperson." A longtime doc cinematographer, Johnson took odds and ends that didn't make their films' final cuts and spliced them together, as if one shuffle. It's a diverse lot: war zones, a boxer walking off a lost fight, Johnson's late mother. She never tells us what to make of it all, freeing our minds to wander. You might even realize that, without ever making it explicit, it touches on untold issues involving documentaries, even life itself.

"O.J.: MADE IN AMERICA" HULU



One Oscar-nom'd film that might work best at home is this sprawling, exhaustive (but never exhausting) doc on the life of Orenthal James Simpson. Why? Because it runs nearly eight hours. Divided into five parts, it covers a life that once seemed to define the American dream, before taking a hairpin turn into its worst nightmare. Director Ezra Edelman gives himself acres of space to tease out all the complexities of Simpson's life and trial, in turn speaking to race, class and the way the media tells us both what we want to hear and what to think.

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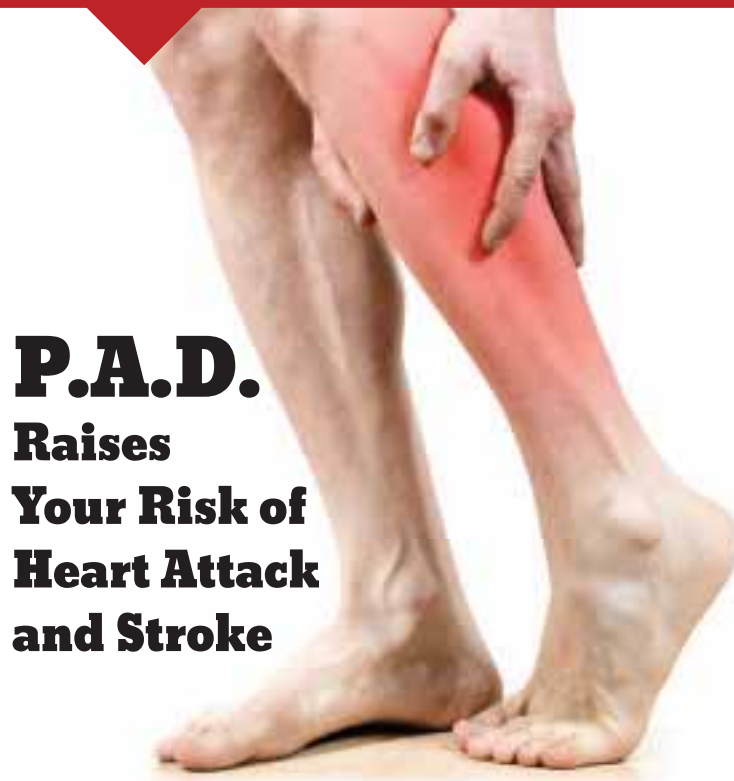
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Ways to celebrate Black History Month in NYC

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Black History Month has begun, and with a president in the Oval Office who doesn't seem to know who Frederick Douglass is, celebrating diversity is more important than ever. Honor black culture and heritage at events this month all over the city, from South Brooklyn to the Bronx.

1 Brooklyn Historical Society

In addition to its long-running exhibition "Brooklyn Abolitionists/In Pursuit of Freedom," the museum will host select events this February in celebration of

Black History Month. On Feb. 7, art historian Kellie Jones and blogger Kimberly Drew discuss art of the African Diaspora, while Dr. Elizabeth Nunez helms a panel discussion on fiction by black writers on the 21st. On the 23rd, piano-cello-violin group Warp Trio, percussionist Rick Martinez, and spoken-word artists perform the works of notable composers and lyricists, from Maya Angelou to Samuel Coleridge-Taylor. 128 Pierrepont St., brooklynhistory.org, prices vary



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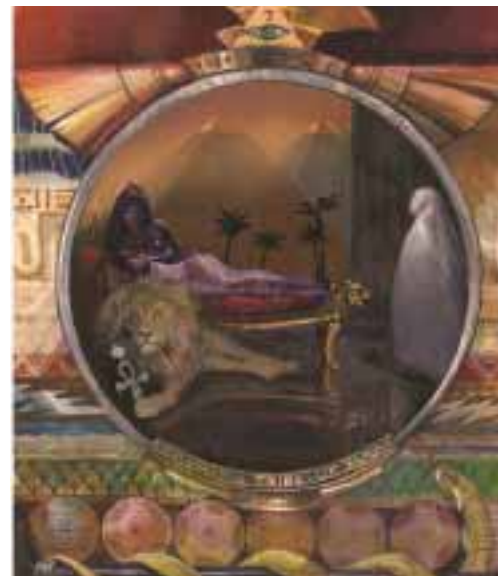
Take a trolley ride through the historic graveyard, making stops at the gravesites of influential African-American New Yorkers, from pop artist Jean Michel Basquiat to Susan Smith McKinney Stewart, the first black female doctor of New York. The tour will continue to Weeksville Heritage Center in Crown Heights, where attendees can view the exhibition "Transforming Community/In Pursuit of Freedom" and visit the restored Hunterfly Road Houses on the site of the 19th century free black

community of Westville, Brooklyn. Box lunch provided. Saturday, Feb. 25, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., 500 25th St., Green-wood.com, \$35 members, \$40 nonmembers

3 The Apollo Theater

The historic Harlem venue is packed with events this month honoring black culture and heritage. Programming begins with a free open house Saturday, Feb. 4, during which visitors can take in an afternoon of theater, music and spoken word. On Saturday the 15th, award-winning storyteller April Armstrong and her Trio take the stage for "School Day Live: Stories of Songs and Freedom."

"Afropunk Unapologetically Black: The African American Songbook Remixed," an evening of black protest music featuring artists Bilal and Toshi Reagon, closes out the month Saturday, Feb.



The work of Omar Noble, part of the "Bronx, Black and Beautiful" art exhibition at the Blox. PROVIDED

25. 253 W. 125 St., apollotheater.org, prices vary

4 The Blox

Beginning Friday, Feb. 3, this Bronx art studio will spotlight works by black artists based in NYC's northern-most borough. The exhibition titled "Bronx Black and Beautiful" features original pieces by artists Jerome Lamaar and Omar Noble, and African

art from the collection of John Goodman. On view Fridays 5 p.m.-9 p.m. and Sundays from noon-5 p.m. through February. 2413 3rd Ave, theblox.tv, free

5 Jamaica Center for Art & Learning (JCAL)

See "The Genius of Geoffrey Holder," an art exhibition honoring the Tony Award-winning director and costume designer of "The Wiz," through March 30. A one-time performance of "The Wiz" takes place on Saturday, Feb. 11. There's also a stage reading of "Trapped" by Caribbean playwright Amba Chevannes on Saturday, Feb. 4, and a performance by the United African Dance Troupe on Saturday, Feb. 25. 161-04 Jamaica Ave, jcal.org, prices vary

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The restored Hunterfly Road Houses at Westville Heritage Center in Crown Heights, the former site of the 19th century free black community of Westville, Brooklyn. PROVIDED



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Atlanta Falcons fans will want to get to **The Watering Hole** (106 E. 19th St., Flatiron), a rare chill bar in this neighborhood. It may be just a step above dive status, but the room is comfortable, the bartenders are friendly and anything on the bar's eight taps is \$5 on game day.

All Manhattan locations of **Brother Jimmy's** (brotherjimmys.com) will offer game-day deals with

the only word you want to hear: unlimited. The Pro Bowl Package (\$40) comes with an assortment of appetizers and free-flowing Coors Light drafts, while the Pro Package (\$60) includes more food and an open bar.

The Gin Mill (442 Amsterdam Ave., Upper West Side) is usually a Florida Gators bar, but this weekend it's part of the #patsnation. The crowd comes ready to party, with tons of tables and screens available so you won't be crammed in a sweaty mob. Nab a table for \$40 per person, with half-price beer until 8 p.m. and \$4 you-call-it's after that; wings specials go down to \$1 each if you order 100.

Another Patriots stronghold is **Riviera Café and Sports Bar** (225 W. Fourth St., West Village), a sort of hybrid bar-café-restaurant so you can dial your game-day intensity up or down as needed. It's a plus to feel safe ordering proper grub like cheesesteaks since there's a proper kitchen.

If you're into good bar food but not massive crowds, **Times Square's**



Treadwell Park ALL PHOTOS PROVIDED

District Tap House (246 W 38th St.) has the space to keep things reasonably low-key, with four 90-inch TVs and some tables with their own private screens. During the game, get five craft cans for \$25 or opt for something from one



Treadwell Park

of their 60 taps, and if you're looking something healthier than a basket of fries, their

Brussels sprouts with creme fraiche are a hit.

SideBAR (118 E. 15th St., Union Square) is always packed on game day, and organizers hope to add some more feminine energy to that mix with specials like the Bubble Bucket (\$40 for five bottles of prosecco with orange juice) and \$55 bottles of White Girl Rose. For the traditionalists, there are \$120 coolers of 24 Budweiser or Bud Light bottles (add a bottle of Fireball for \$100). Reservations are strongly encouraged.

International beer hall **Treadwell Park** (1125 First Ave., Upper East Side) has tons of bench seating so you're not watching the game on your feet for three hours, and also tons of beers on tap and in bottles for some el-



The Cannibal Beer & Butcher

evated game-day drinking. Specials include 20 pigs in a blanket (\$22), 10 sliders (\$26), 25 wings (\$32), choice of 10 cans in a cooler (\$55) — and popcorn is always free.

Miss tailgating? **The Cannibal Beer & Butcher** (113 E. 29th St., Midtown East) is transforming its year-round heated backyard into the ultimate party. Nosh on pig head nachos, hot wings, baby back ribs and personal flasks of whiskey (you won't even have to sneak those swigs!) while watching the game on the beer and cocktail bar's large flat screens.

The big game is the last hurrah for **Pig Beach Burger** (480 Union St., Gowanus), the wintertime pop-up version of summer's barbecue hit Pig Beach. Grab one of their picnic tables or bar seats to watch the game on

projectors and TVs starting at 6 p.m., with a \$50 unlimited barbecue buffet and all-you-can-drink Six Point beers.

It's forever crowded and verging on a dive bar, but **Mulholland's** (312 Grand St., Williamsburg) has plenty of seating (couches in the back!), tons of TVs and over 20 beers on tap. There's a reason it's Brooklyn's destination sports bar. Come for the atmosphere and enjoy \$15 six-packs of Bud and Miller High life and \$20 tubes of Bud Light (about eight pints).

All three floors of cocktail lounge **The VNYL** (100 Third Ave., East Village) are being taken over by the big game — watch it on five TVs in the basement Lion's Den, a giant projector in the main bar, or head upstairs for more TVs. Open bar packages start at \$75, which include snacks.

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\$95pp, 14 E. 60th St., Upper East Side
rotisserieg.com



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\$75pp, 117 Perry St.
leftbanknewyork.com



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Lower Manhattan's new Beekman Hotel calls back to New York's glittering past, which is what Tom Colicchio was going for with his newest restaurant. But you don't need a robber baron budget to eat here: Their seven-course menu of updated classics is \$135 pp, with highlights like Belon oysters, venison "Wellington" and Baba Au Rhum.

5 Beekman St., fowlerandwells.com



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Fall in love all over again under the Williamsburg Bridge at this darling little soul food restaurant. The three-course prix fixe menu for Valentine's includes a drink and features sexy dishes like homemade truffle ricotta with grilled cornbread; branzino in pistachio and basil pesto; and a decadent chocolate soufflé.

\$60, 91 S. Sixth St., Williamsburg
loosieskitchen.com



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Green Fig

Don't bring anyone you're not "let's get a puppy" serious about here. That's actually the name of one of the courses on the special Four Stages of Love menu. The \$99 prix fixe (per couple!) includes a bottle of sparkling wine to get comfortable over dishes like roast duck in peanut puree and gnocchi with charred goat cheese.

570 10th Ave., fourth floor of Yotel
Hell's Kitchen, greenfignyc.com

YOUR WEEKEND STARTS NOW**ARTS****First Thursday
Gallery Walk**

Wine, culture and great views meet under the bridge in Brooklyn. On the first Thursday of each month, the galleries lining DUMBO's waterfront stay open late to invite visitors in for special events and receptions. This week features the opening of a timely "Infrastructure: Land, Mind, Country" at the AICAD/New York Student Residency Program and a reading of epic poem "The Moon" by Jarrod Beck at Smack Mellon, performed in front of a large suspended paper moon installation.

Feb. 2, 6-9 p.m.,
free, artindumbo.com

Walk of Art

The 60 pairs of "shoes" at this exhibit aren't exactly meant to be worn — they aim to "defy space, anatomy and gravity," according to the organizers. Created by students and alumni of Jerusalem's Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design, the projects include 3D-printed shoes, a work by Kobi Levi who counts Lady Gaga among his clients, a pair of heels crystalized in Dead Sea salt, and more works of art made from unusual materials including glass, metal, wood and even porcelain.

Through Feb. 13, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.,
Parasol Projects Gallery, 208 Bowery, free

Dead Darlings

Bless the brave writer who can face down an old first draft. Amanda Duarte, drag queen

and feminist activist, returns this week to host Dead Darlings, a monthly show where artists gather to reveal old artworks they once killed out of mercy to themselves and others. Next Wednesday's show features journalist Jessica Bennett, playwright Jaclyn Backhaus, cartoonist Emily Flake and comedian Bowen Yang. The suggested price is \$10 or any donation to Safe Horizon.

Feb. 8, 8 p.m., Judson Memorial Church, 55 Washington Square South, \$10 sliding scale, deaddarlingsshow.com

COOKING**"How Does A Blind Cook Cook?"**

Christine Ha was the first blind contestant to compete on TV's "MasterChef" with Gordon Ramsey — and she went on to win Season 3. In a conversation at the Rubin Museum, Ha explains how she overcomes unique obstacles in the kitchen. Neuroscientist David Linden discusses how the brain perceives sensations, and how her other senses helped Ha compensate. Afterward, Ha and Linden will both sign copies of their new books.

Feb. 3, 7 p.m., Rubin Museum
150 W. 17th St., \$25
rubinmuseum.org

MUSIC**Battle of the
Bands: Hearts
4 Haiti**

You know how it goes: Local bands will duke it out for crowd favorite at the Branded Saloon on Friday. This time, they'll be

THEATER**"Cruel Intentions:
The Musical"**

If you don't have plans for Valentine's Day, how about reliving 1999's hottest sex scandal? "Cruel Intentions: The Musical" is coming to Le Poisson Rouge for three "pop-up" performances — just in time for the romantic holiday — and it's selling out fast. Recall your crushes from the original film, whether you wanted Sebastian, a playboy riled by his own sister; Kathryn, the catty sister who encourages him; or Annette, the innocent who steals his heart. Now they sing and dance, too!

Feb. 11, 13 & 14, 7 p.m.,
Le Poisson Rouge
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\$39, lpr.com

vying not only to win bragging rights but also to raise funds for the Jacobs Color Link Initiative, which serves people with disabilities in Haiti. A ticket gets you craft beer, chicken wings and the chance to cast your vote. Battling bands include Dolly Trolley, the Academy Blue Project, Samurai Pizza Cats and Dr. T-Bone and the Mashed Potatoes.

Feb. 3, 7 p.m., Branded Saloon,
603 Vanderbilt Ave., Brooklyn,
\$45, brandedsaloon.com

DRINKS**NYC Winter
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Retreat from this weekend's returning chill with a glass of wine in hand as PlayStation Theater in Times Square is transformed into an indoor vineyard where guests can sample over 250 wines during the NYC Winter Wine Festival. In addition to the vinos, there will be light bites and live jazz music from Brian Simpson with special guest JJ Sansaverino. There's both an afternoon and evening session, and multiple ticketing tiers with extra privileges to customize your experience.

Feb. 4, 3:30-6 & 8:30-10 p.m.,
PlayStation Theater,
1515 Broadway,
newyorkwineevents.com

FOOD**Art of Food**

Pull out that swanky black suit or cocktail dress you hardly ever get the chance to wear and make sure to get the wrinkles out before Saturday, when Art of Food returns to the Upper East Side. Hosted by Food Network's Geoffrey Zakarian and his wife, Margaret, the event offers unlimited drinks and samples of delicious cuisine by chefs from the likes of Flex Mussels, the Penrose, Atlantic Grill, American Cut and even Shake Shack — all inspired by artworks in Sotheby's galleries.

Feb. 4, 7:30 p.m., Sotheby's,
1334 York Ave., \$105-\$185,
artoffoodny.com

T. MICHELLE MURPHY

**Female filmmakers of
color finally get their due**

Of last year's top 250 highest grossing films, only seven-percent were directed by women. That's a 2-percent drop from 2015. Female filmmakers have always had a hard time breaking into the business, to say nothing of women of color. But if these valuable voices haven't always been heard, they've been out there.

Just look at the two dozen-or-so titles in BAM's new series "One Way or Another: Black Women's Cinema, 1970-1991." Only one has crashed the mainstream: Julie Dash's "Daughters of the Dust," a surprise art house cash cow in 1991 that was revived last year. A loose and dreamy hang among a black enclave in the early 1900s, it was hard to see for years, though its images weren't entirely lost: No less than Beyonce paid homage in "Lemonade," filling one segment with women in long white dresses, lounging beside the sea.

If you go

One Way or Another:
Black Women's Cinema,
1970-1991
BAMcinematek,
30 Lafayette Ave, Brooklyn
Feb. 3 through Feb. 23
Bam.org

The remaining titles in BAM's series never saw much love. Kathleen Collins' acclaimed 1982 feature "Losing Ground" only received a theatrical release in 2015. Better late than never, though. Maybe the time has finally come for films like Debra J. Robinson's "I Be Done Was Is," a profile of four African-American female comedians from 1984. Liz White's all-black "Othello" from 1980 and Sara Gomez's 1974 fiction-doc hybrid "One Way or Another," the first Cuban feature made by not only a woman but an Afro-Cuban.

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Chef John Nguyen famously served Anthony Bourdain and President Obama the most democratic meal ever in Hanoi, Vietnam, last May, (their

bill came to about \$6). If you're curious about the food worth flying halfway across the world for, you won't have to get on a plane to try it.

Nguyen, who grew up and started his career in California before doing a bit of globetrotting in recent years, just landed at Hanoi House, opened by Buddakan power couple Sara Leveen and Ben Lowell. It may be in the East Village, but it's easy to feel transported in the cozy space, with tropical

plants lining the walls and decorative accents of Old Hanoi. The front room is meant to evoke a bustling cafe (there's also a quiet back room that may as well have a "couples only" sign), but you should opt to sit at the bar, where Nguyen may slide you an amuse-bouche of the freshest uni served on the half shell.

On the menu are Nguyen's Vietnamese family recipes cooked with the skills he's collected in some of the best kitchens in California, including French Laundry. The shrimp and rice noodle salad glistens with ruby red chunks of grapefruit and heat that rolls in like a summer storm, while the side dish of brown butter-braised ong choy is basically a virtuous dessert (you're welcome). But the starring role belongs to the Congee & Clams, which ditches the grease and salt of pork for chicken stock to build flavor with each bite, accented with peanuts

and scallions. Close your eyes and imagine you're eating it around a bonfire on a beach, a warming reminder that summer is on its way.

I can't wait for lunch service to start, which will bring a whole menu of regional soups. The music is the alternative rock and reggae of Nguyen's Orange County childhood, the drinks menu is local beers and wine, and there's already a wait despite having just opened a couple weeks ago. Wait anyway. Hanoi House, 119 St. Mark's Place, hanoihousenyc.com



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Hot spring spas

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The "baths of the popes" isn't just a fanciful name: Gregory IX started splashing around here in the 13th century, Boniface

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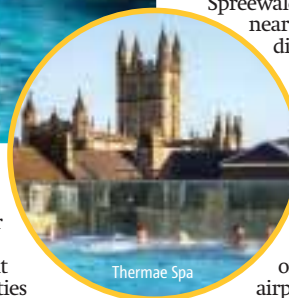
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Therme de Vals near St. Moritz, Switzerland, sets its natural hot water pools in a stark, '60s-modernist architectural context, all slab walls and sunken staircases. Like the hideaway of a James Bond villain, it's built into a mountainside in the Alps. Inside, it looks like a very stylish nightclub but feels more like a church, as reverent bathers quietly immerse themselves in indoor and outdoor pools, "fire" and "ice" baths, and a sound installation.

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Your 14-year-old neighbor Trevor and Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski have this in common: They think the number 69 is hilarious. Gronk often puts the No. 69 on the back of his practice jerseys and nearly died laughing earlier this season when he was informed that he was one touchdown away from catching the 69th

of his career. Gronk's girlfriend (the poor lass), Camille Kostek, confirmed this week that her boyfriend's favorite number is 69, telling Barstool Rundown: "Rob told me he's been saying '69' since he was

a little kid and I thought it was a total exaggeration. He goes, 'Ask my mom.' I said, 'Fine, I'll ask your mom.' His mom came over, I asked his mom, and she said he's been saying '69' since he was like,



3 years old. This isn't a new thing. This has been going on and on."



CARMELO SWEEPSTAKES

Does anyone want Carmelo Anthony? The Celtics reportedly aren't interested unless they only have to give up a bag of balls, and the Cavaliers rejected Phil Jackson's advances in January. Jackson won't quit though, as ESPN reported this week that the Zen Master keeps dialing a 216 area code.

Apparently the Cavs are now a little intrigued by Carmelo (thanks to a nudge by GM ... ahem ... star player LeBron James), but that they don't want to give up Kevin Love. The Cavs don't really have much to give up in the way of draft picks ... sooooo ... J.R. Smith back to MSG? Let's make this happen!



MORE BARKLEY HATRED

There's a lot of pent-up rage, apparently, from today's NBA player to yesterday's "Round Mound of Rebound." A day after LeBron James unloaded on Charles Barkley, LeBron's buddy — Dwyane Wade — took his swings at Chuck.

"Thank God he finally said something. LeBron, a lot of guys take a lot of shots at him. He has just kept his mouth closed and continued to focus on what he needs to do. ... We all have flaws. But when your flaws are a little bit more [like Barkley's], you should shut up."



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The most anticipated sports weekend of the year is almost here. The Super Bowl is back in Houston for the first time since 2004 when — who else? — but the Patriots were the last team standing, defeating the Jake Delhomme-led Carolina Panthers, 32-29. Tom Brady went on to win the Super Bowl MVP in Houston, and as some may remember, the national viewing audience was introduced to Janet Jackson's right breast during a halftime show "wardrobe malfunction," courtesy of Justin Timberlake.

You could not ask for a better matchup in a Super Bowl, with the Falcons offense ranking No. 1 in the NFL scoring 33.8 points per game and the Patriots defense ranking number one in the NFL, allowing only 15.6 points per game. Something has and will have to give.

In the words of Hall of Fame coach Marty Schottenheimer, the most telling stat in this game will be turnovers, and the QBs

of both of these teams have not turned the ball over much this season. Tom Brady set an NFL record for touchdown-to-interception ratio, throwing 27 to 2 and Matt Ryan only threw 7 interceptions all year.

Ryan and Brady will be in the spotlight, but we must not forget about the coaches of these two teams. By now we all know about Bill Belichick's résumé. Belichick has been to the Super Bowl seven different times with Brady at the helm, with the duo coming out on top four times. Belichick has always made moves that have left others scratching their heads, but the guy always seems to prove everyone wrong. Belichick obviously has a method to his madness, a method Atlanta head coach Dan Quinn is trying to devise a plan to stop.

After Sunday, Quinn will have coached in three of the past four Super Bowls. He will be coaching against Belichick for the first time and the numbers are not in his favor. During his career, Belichick has a 22-3 record against coaches he has faced for the first time. Matt Ryan also has not fared well in the

two career games he has played against the Patriots, end up on the losing end both times.

But if there is anyone who can turn the tables on the Patriots it will be Falcons All-Pro wideout Julio Jones. Jones is averaging 110 yards per game and a touchdown during the playoffs and has shown no signs of slowing up despite dealing with a lingering foot injury. You can bet that Jones will be the point of focus for the Patriots defense but he still might be able to be stopped. That's ironic, because in 2011 Belichick tried to warn his former scout turned Falcons general manager Thomas Dimitroff about trading up to draft Jones. Dimitroff ignored Belichick's warning, and traded five picks to move up in the draft to take Jones sixth overall.

As of today, it looks like Dimitroff made the right decision and Jones may be the deciding factor in this Super Bowl. Maybe Belichick saw the potential that Jones had and knew that the pieces the Falcons already had in place would make for a deadly combination.

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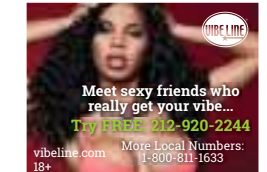
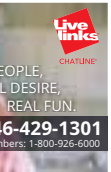
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Across

- 1 Pickle juice
- 6 Metallic sound
- 10 Fencer's weapon
- 14 Brain parts
- 15 Livy's route
- 16 Bird's crop
- 17 It divides to multiply (var.)
- 18 Roquefort hue
- 19 Vacuum part
- 20 Be all ears
- 21 Meadow blossom
- 23 African nation
- 25 Rural sights
- 26 Make a lap
- 27 Eats sparingly
- 29 Skippy pullovers
- 32 Pithy
- 33 Two-piece part
- 36 Director – Kazan
- 37 Gatsby descriptor
- 38 Spiky hair style
- 39 Not like Abner, really
- 40 Weed whackers
- 41 High-IQ group
- 42 Know intuitively
- 43 Pantry container
- 44 Nerdy cap
- 47 Cure-all
- 51 Test tube site
- 54 DEA operative
- 55 Borodin prince

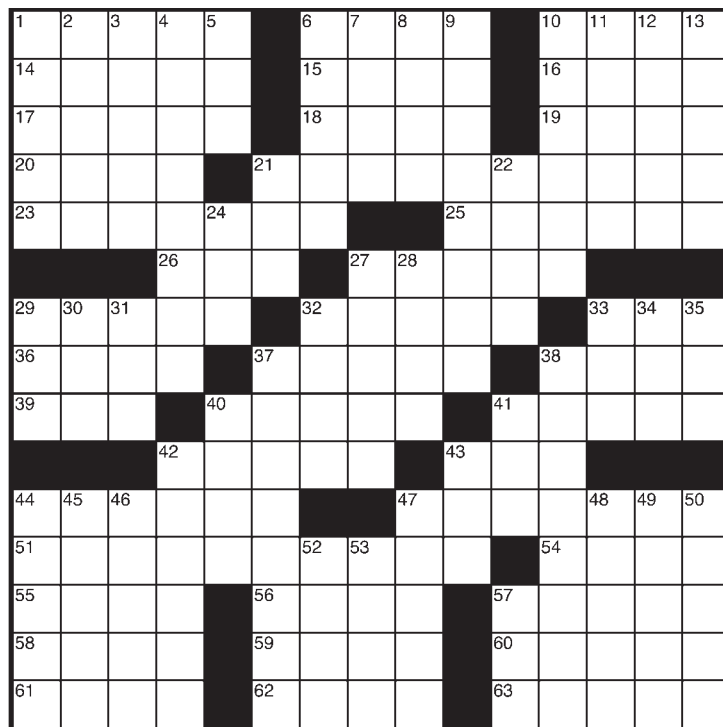
- 56 Put on
- 57 Take a powder
- 58 Fishtail
- 59 Orbit segments
- 60 Kid around with
- 61 Uses hair rollers
- 62 Senate votes
- 63 – Park, Colorado

Down

- 1 Dissatisfied feeling
- 2 Bard's teen
- 3 Steel girder (hyph.)
- 4 Kearney's place
- 5 NASA counterpart
- 6 Shinbone
- 7 “– never fly”
- 8 Have to have

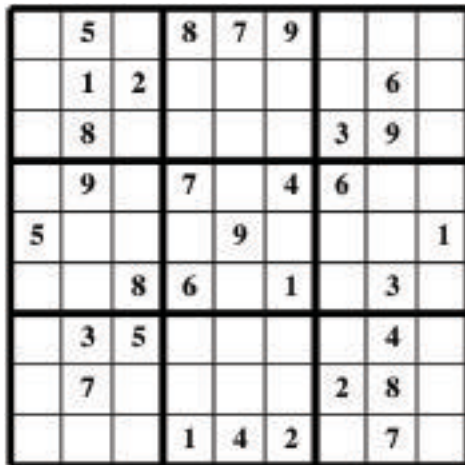
- 9 Surliest
- 10 Bounces back
- 11 Roam stealthily
- 12 Paved the way
- 13 Wide-mouthed pitchers
- 21 Life of the party
- 22 Lo-cal
- 24 Fleur-de- –
- 27 Tractor pioneer
- 28 Subj. of rollovers
- 29 Util. bill
- 30 MacGraw of the movies
- 31 None at all
- 32 Crowd, in Madrid?
- 33 Cinnamon goody
- 34 HMO staffers
- 35 Rap-sheet letters
- 37 Left (2 wds.)
- 38 Hair shirt occasions
- 40 Next in line
- 41 “Aqua Velva –”
- 42 Night noises
- 43 Coral islet
- 44 Utter delight
- 45 Birdie beater
- 46 More or less
- 47 Bear down
- 48 Jeweler's weight
- 49 Get the lead out?
- 50 High points
- 52 Ripped
- 53 Killer whale
- 57 Sault – Marie

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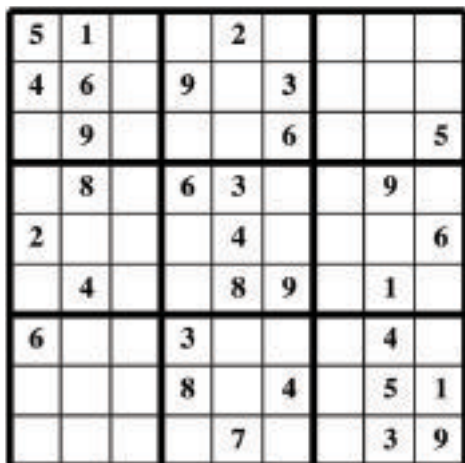


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easy



hard



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Aries You'll find it difficult to proceed with caution. Your desire to get things done your way will lead to both opportunities and obstacles.



Taurus You know what's best for yourself, so don't let anyone dump responsibilities on you that will deter you from following through with your plans. Avoid excess.



Gemini Try something new and get out and make friends with people who challenge you. Networking functions will encourage you to be more entrepreneurial.



Cancer Your emotions will be difficult to deal with. Trying to change what other people do is a waste of time. Concentrate on yourself and how you handle situations.



Leo Express your feelings and bring about the changes that will help you gain control over your life. Don't accept undesirable results when you can have so much more.



Virgo You need to handle money wisely. Demands are best kept at a distance. Don't fold under pressure or give in to someone using persuasive tactics.



Libra Strive to stabilize your life and your relationships. Seek compromise if it will help you avoid discord or loss. Change can be good if it's made with honorable intentions.



Scorpio Explore your ideas, and clear a space at home that will encourage you to engage in creative endeavors. Travel is best avoided. You will face injury if you aren't cautious.



Sagittarius Bring about positive changes at home by working to promote your ideas and plans for a better standard of living. Discipline and labor will be rewarding.



Capricorn Problems while traveling or dealing with financial institutions, government agencies or hospitals will surface. Evaluate each situation separately.



Aquarius Don't be afraid to act fast. You'll stay ahead of the competition if you take action. You can bravely make things happen.



Pisces Rely on people you know in order to drum up support for your projects. Honesty will help you cut through any confusion and will bring what you need. **EUGENIA LAST**

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